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Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

I write to express my concern regarding the cleanup of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site at the Allied Paper Inc. landfill in Kalamazoo, Michigan. While this project has made tremendous progress in recent years, I share the concerns of the local community and its officials over the potential for future groundwater contamination from the site, which could pose a serious health risk to the city's residents.

Two years ago when the EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality came to the table over the dumping of PCB-contaminated sediments at the Allied Paper site, the EPA agreed to make the process of the cleanup more open to public review and comment. However, since that time, the technical review comments submitted by the city and its consultant have essentially gone unheeded, with no substantive changes made to the remedial investigation/feasibility study.

To this end, I would request the EPA to give its full consideration to the concerns raised by the city, and more, would develop a remediation plan that would allow the city to assure its residents that the remedial action taken by the EPA will be effective in safeguarding the long-term health and cleanliness of the community.

I appreciate the EPA's attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Member of Congress

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*potential
for GW contamination*

*Comments
were heeded.
yes change by
adding GW study*

SUPERFUND DIVISION
CONTROLLED CORRESPONDENCE SIGN-OFF SHEET

CONTROL: AL-09-001-1656

DUE DATE: 08/18/2009

SITE NAME: Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo

SUBJECT: Concerns regarding the Cleanup of Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River
Superfund Site at the Allied Paper Inc., Landfill in Kalamazoo, Michigan

CONTROL ASSIGNED TO: SFD/RRB#1/RRS#3/James Saric

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Subject: CONCERNS REGARDING THE CLEANUP OF THE ALLIED PAPER/PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE AT THE ALLIED PAPER INC. LANDFILL IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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Ronna Beckmann	R5	Take task	Aug 4, 2009
Mary Canavan	R5	Take task	Aug 4, 2009
Mary Canavan	R5	Completed support assignment	Aug 4, 2009

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